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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT FOR MILITARY ATTACHES ASSIGNED TO HUNGARY

REFS: STATE 213662 (SEPTEMBER 27, 1974); STATE 159996;
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1. NEW ARMY ATTACHE COLONEL PRITCHARD ADAMS ARRIVED BUDAPEST AUGUST 27 TO ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES. NOW THAT WE HAVE AGAIN SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED OUR WAY THROUGH TIME-CONSUMING AGREEMENT/VISA MORASS, EMBASSY INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO FOREIGN OFFICE THAT AGREEMENT PROCEDURE FOR U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO HUNGARY BE DONE AWAY WITH (PARA 7, BUDAPEST 2209).

2. TEXT OF PROPOSED EMBASSY NOTE WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THE COMPETENT HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES ABOLISH THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT THAT AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR MILITARY ATTACHES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ASSIGNED TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSIDERS
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THE CURRENT PROCEDURE AN OUTDATED RELIC OF PREVIOUS

GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS, AN IMPEDIMENT TO THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND PROPOSES THAT IT BE ELIMINATED. CONCURRENCE IN THIS PROPOSAL BY THE COMPETENT HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE RECIPROCAL ACTION WITH REGARD TO HUNGARIAN MILITARY ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NOTE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC CONTAINING THE CONCURRENCE OF THE HUNGARIAN SIDE THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR AGREEMENT OF MILITARY ATTACHES IS ABOLISHED CONSTITUTE AGREEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC FOR ITS KIND AND PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS PROPOSAL AND TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

3. AS IN CASE OF "CLOSED ZONE" RESTRICTIONS, MCAULIFFE WOULD VISIT WITH DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY AND PROPOSE ORALLY RECIPROCAL ABOLITION OF OUTMODED AGREEMENT PROCEDURES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT AS RESULT OF ON-THE-SPOT EXCHANGE OF NOTES. WHEN, AS EXPECTED, NAGY EXPRESSES WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE EMBASSY NOTE AND EXPLORE MATTER WITH COMPETENT HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES, MCAULIFFE WILL AGAIN DECLINE TO DELIVER NOTE SAYING THAT USG NOT REPEAT NOT IMPORTUNING GOH TO INTER ANTEDILUVIAN PROCEDURE THAT WAS APPARENTLY INSTITUTED BY HORTHY REGIME. IF GOH WILLING ACCORD U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES IN BUDAPEST SAME TREATMENT IT ACCORDS TO CERTAIN OTHER MILITARY ATTACHES FROM WESTERN EUROPE, U.S. WILLING ACCORD HUNGARIAN MILITARY ATTACHES IN WASHINGTON EXACTLY SAME TREATMENT IT ACCORDS MILITARY ATTACHES FROM CERTAIN OTHER SOCIALIST STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE. IT IS A MATTER OF STRICT RECIPROCITY BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN STATES.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE ACTION WITH DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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